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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support Guidelines - Calculations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "actual income" under the child support
4 guidelines to include certain calculations for certain dependents; requiring a
5 certain amount to be subtracted from the actual income of a parent in certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to calculations under the child support
7 guidelines.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 12-201(d)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Family Law
15 Section 12-204(m)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Family Law**

21 12-201.

22 (d) "Adjusted actual income" means actual income minus:

23 (1) preexisting reasonable child support obligations actually paid;

24 (2) except as provided in § 12-204(a)(2) of this subtitle, alimony or
25 maintenance obligations actually paid; [and]

1 (3) the actual cost of providing health insurance coverage for a child for
2 whom the parents are jointly and severally responsible; AND

3 (4) IN CASES IN WHICH A PARENT IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE OR MORE
4 LEGAL DEPENDENTS IN THE HOUSEHOLD, THE AMOUNT CALCULATED UNDER §
5 12-204(M) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6 12-204.

7 (M) IN CASES IN WHICH A PARENT IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE OR MORE LEGAL
8 DEPENDENTS IN THE HOUSEHOLD TO WHOM THAT PARENT OWES A DUTY OF
9 SUPPORT AND THE EXPENSES FOR WHOM THAT PARENT IS DIRECTLY
10 CONTRIBUTING, THE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR THE LEGAL DEPENDENTS IN
11 THE HOUSEHOLD SHALL BE:

12 (1) CALCULATED BASED ON THE SCHEDULE IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS
13 SECTION; AND

14 (2) SUBTRACTED FROM THE ACTUAL INCOME OF THAT PARENT WHEN
15 CALCULATING THE BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR A CHILD OUTSIDE OF
16 THE MARRIAGE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2004.